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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170  
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

As a single mother I need to have access to a phone when I'm away from my children so that I can be reached in an emergency. I need to be able to contact my child care provider if I'm stuck in traffic. I keep late hours so I need my cell phone for safety when walking to and from my car in dark parking lots. I don't have a lot of extra money so I only use my cell phone for those reasons. I can't afford the Universal service charge that is being discussed. I only buy one airtime card a year (300 minutes) and the 1 year service plan this is hard enough to do without an added charge of a dollar a month. \$12 dollars a year is 3 gallons of milk, or a small package of diapers. Please think about who really uses prepaid service before adding another cost.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members